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FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

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General information

As a member of the European Union, Portugal applies EU harmonized regulation on export certificates for plant or animal products whether or not they are intended for human consumption. However, in the absence of an EU-harmonized certificate, Portugal may require certain specific health certificates.

Competent authorities on certificates vary depending on the type of products. The Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DGADR) controls imports of feed and plant products while the Directorate General for Food and Veterinary (DGAV) is responsible for imports of live animals, animal products, and food products. Both directorates belong to the Ministry of Agriculture, Sea, Environment, and Land Planning (MAMAOT).

The enforcement of Food Safety laws is the responsibility of the Portuguese Food Safety and Economic Agency (ASAE) within the Ministry of Economy. Food intended for human consumption must meet the general food safety requirements of EU law.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required By Government (Matrix):

Please consult the latest [EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#) for the Export Certificates required for EU harmonized products. For the animal origin products for human consumption that are not harmonized at EU level, Portugal requires the exporting third country to supply a list of the establishments interested in exporting to Portugal. Moreover, Portugal requires that the country of origin confirms that these establishments comply with all the requirements concerning animal health and public health.

The products that fall under this category are:

1. **Honey and honey products:** Decision 2011/163/EC, Decision 2003/812/EC, model health certificate in [Regulation \(EC\) n. 2074/2005](#).
2. **Snails:** Decision 2003/812/EC, Decision 2006/766/EC, model health certificate in [Regulation \(EC\) n. 2074/2005](#).
3. **Frog legs:** Decision 2003/812/EC, Decision 2006/766/EC, model health certificate in [Regulation \(EC\) n. 2074/2005](#).
4. **Eggs and egg products:** Decision 2011/163/EC, Regulation (EC) n. 798/2008. On this subject please see [GAIN Report](#) on eggs and egg products.
5. **Collagen:** model health certificate in [Regulation \(EC\) n. 2074/2005](#).

The certificates must be issued before the consignment to which it relates leaves the control of the competent authority of the country of dispatch. Portugal's Authorities have no tolerance for health certificates issued after the day of shipping.

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

An overview of legally required certificates in the EU and references to the U.S. authority issuing these certificates is available at in the [USEU website](#). For additional information on EU-Harmonized Certification Requirements, please consult the latest [EU-27 FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#). Under this report, you may find information on the U.S. competent authority that is authorized to issue the food and agricultural import certificates required by the EU-27.

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)

Portugal grants duty free entry to giveaway samples if properly labeled. Samples are, however, subject to the same import documentation requirements that apply to normal commercial imports. They also require a nominal value for customs declaration purposes on the commercial invoice which must carry the statement "Samples without Commercial Value."

For detailed information on the EU-harmonized legislation on import procedures, please consult the [USEU website](#) and the latest [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#).

Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

Please consult the [USEU website](#) and the latest [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#).

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

Please consult the [USEU website](#) and the latest [EU FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#).

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

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Appendix II. Other Key Contacts

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